



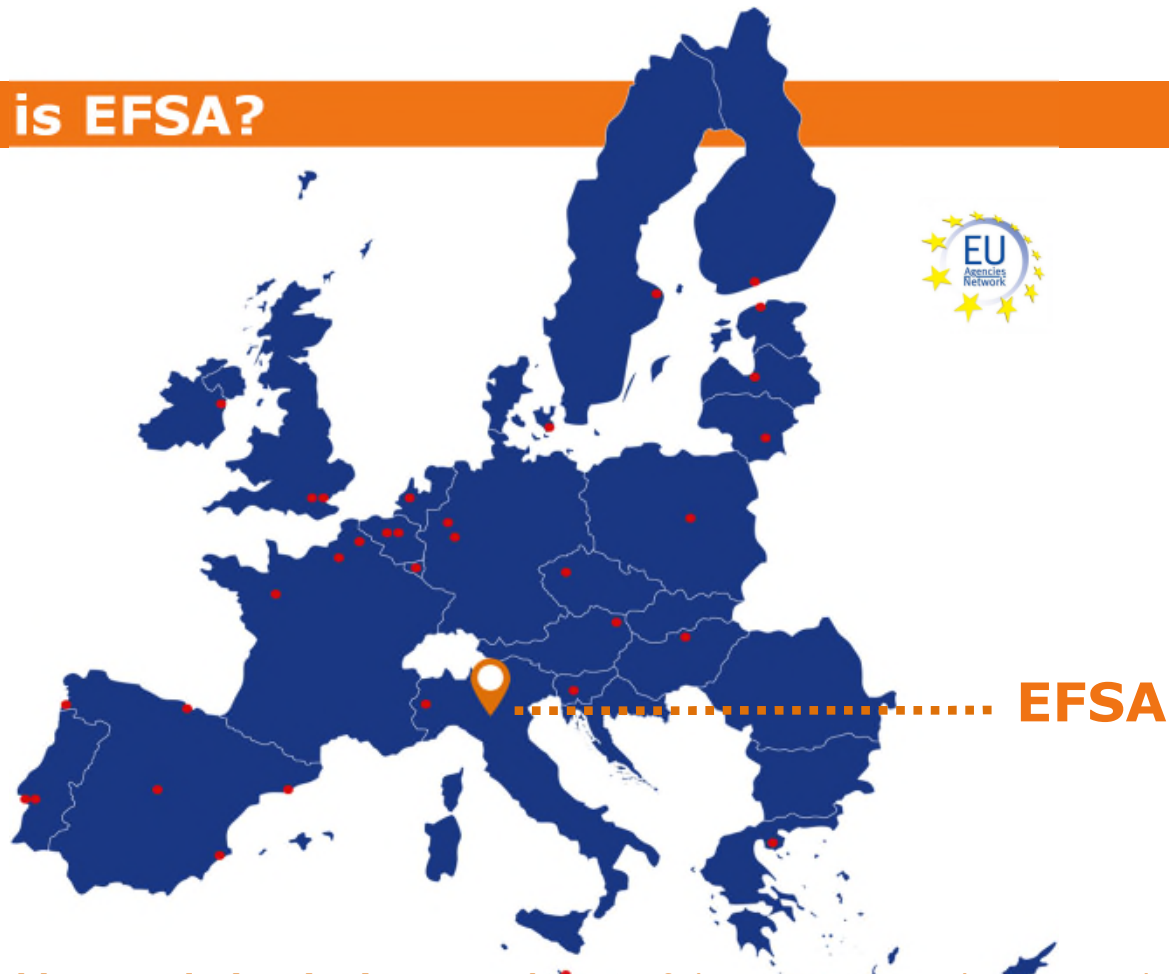
The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and its Network on Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)

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What is EFSA?



Established by Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, and procedures in matters of food safety



EFSA's scientific Panels



Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance (RASA)

Mission: to provide fit-for-purpose, transparent and independent scientific advice to EU decision makers



The role of EFSA



Provides independent scientific advice and support for EU risk managers and policy makers on food and feed safety



Provides independent, timely risk communication



Promotes scientific cooperation

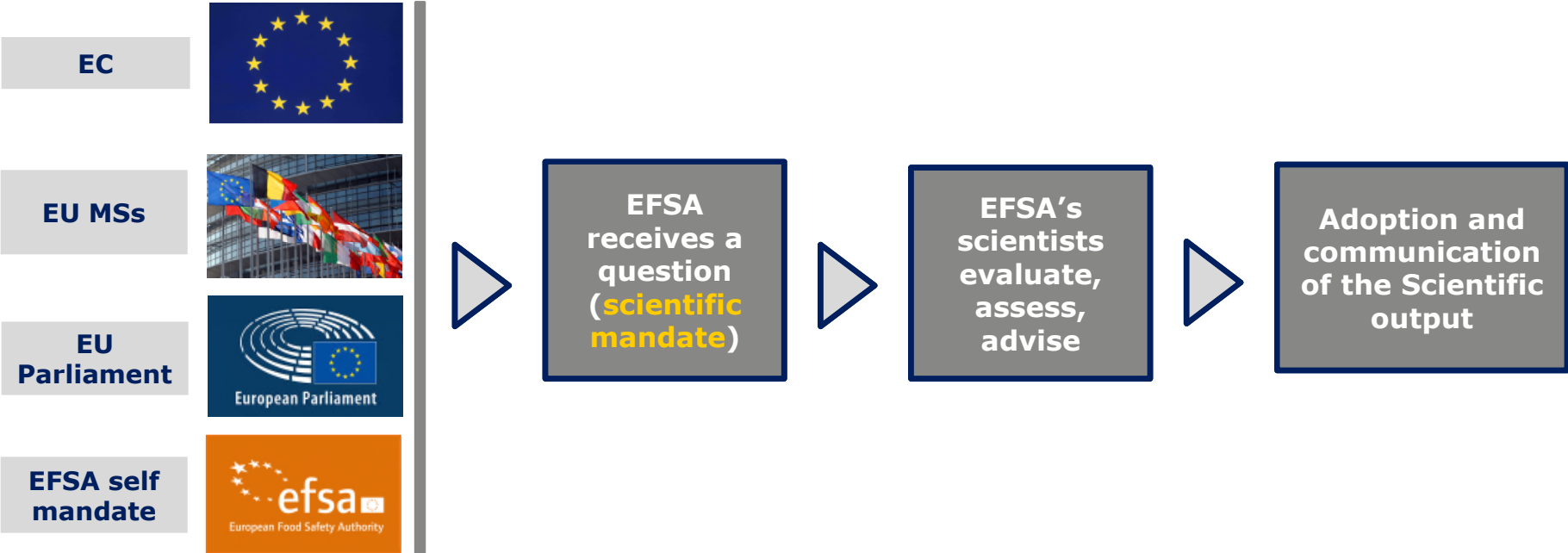
**Including
animal health &
animal welfare**

EFSA's values: to provide independent scientific advice



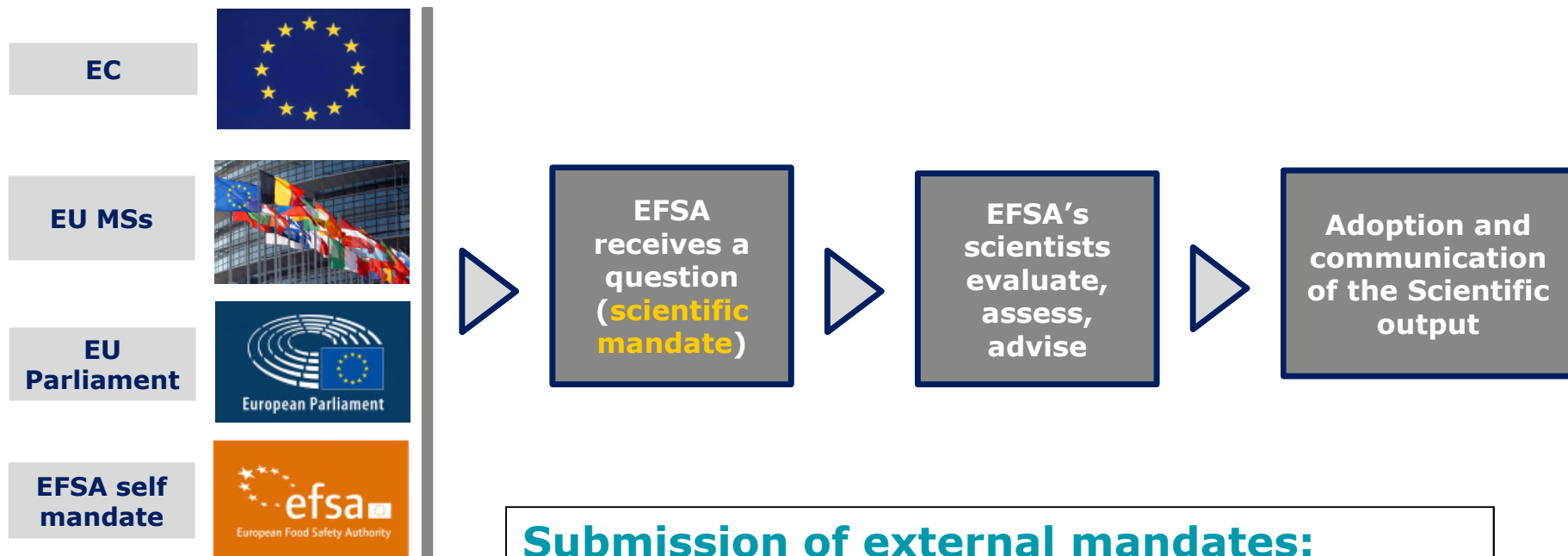
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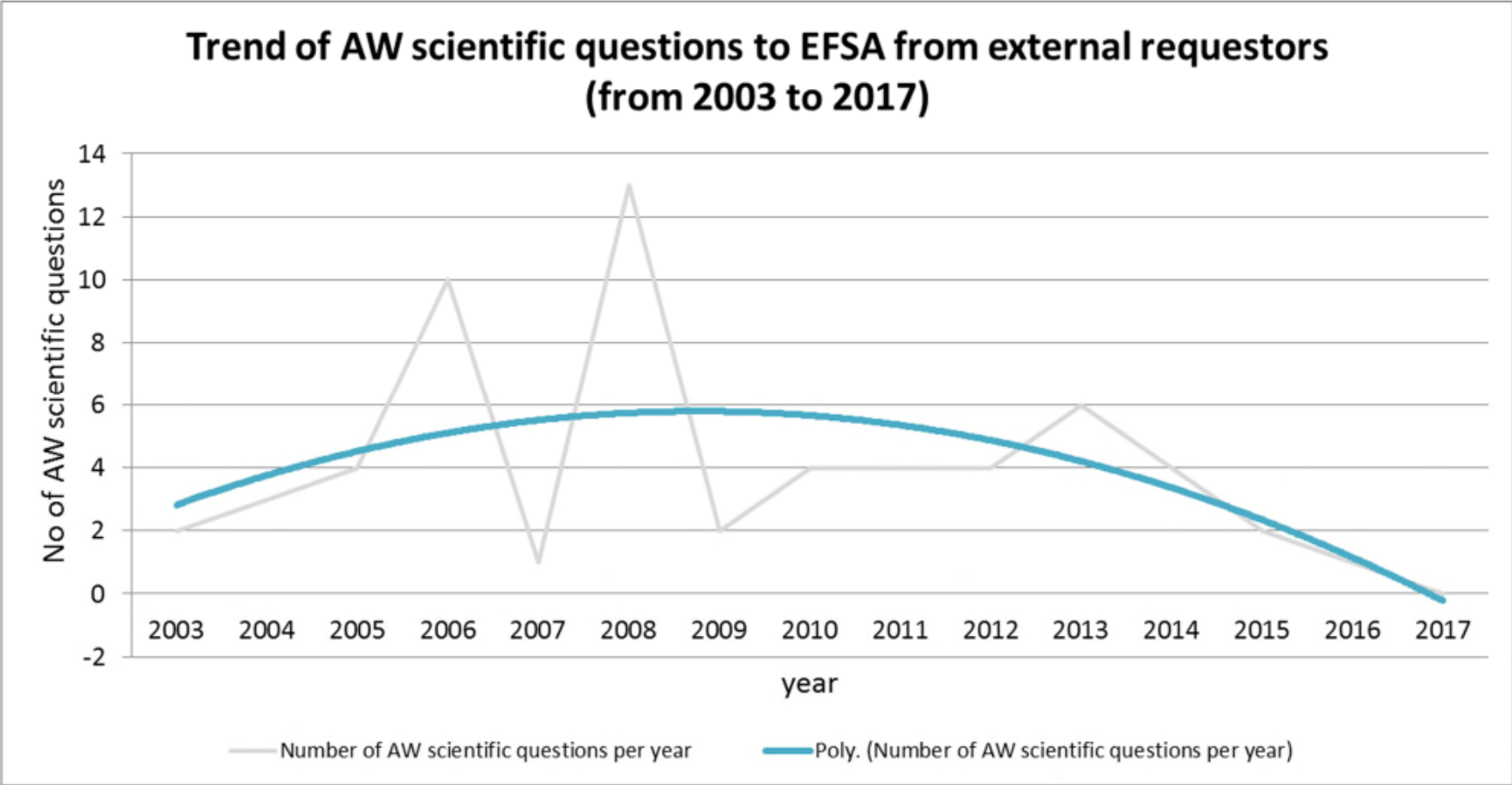
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Submission of external mandates:

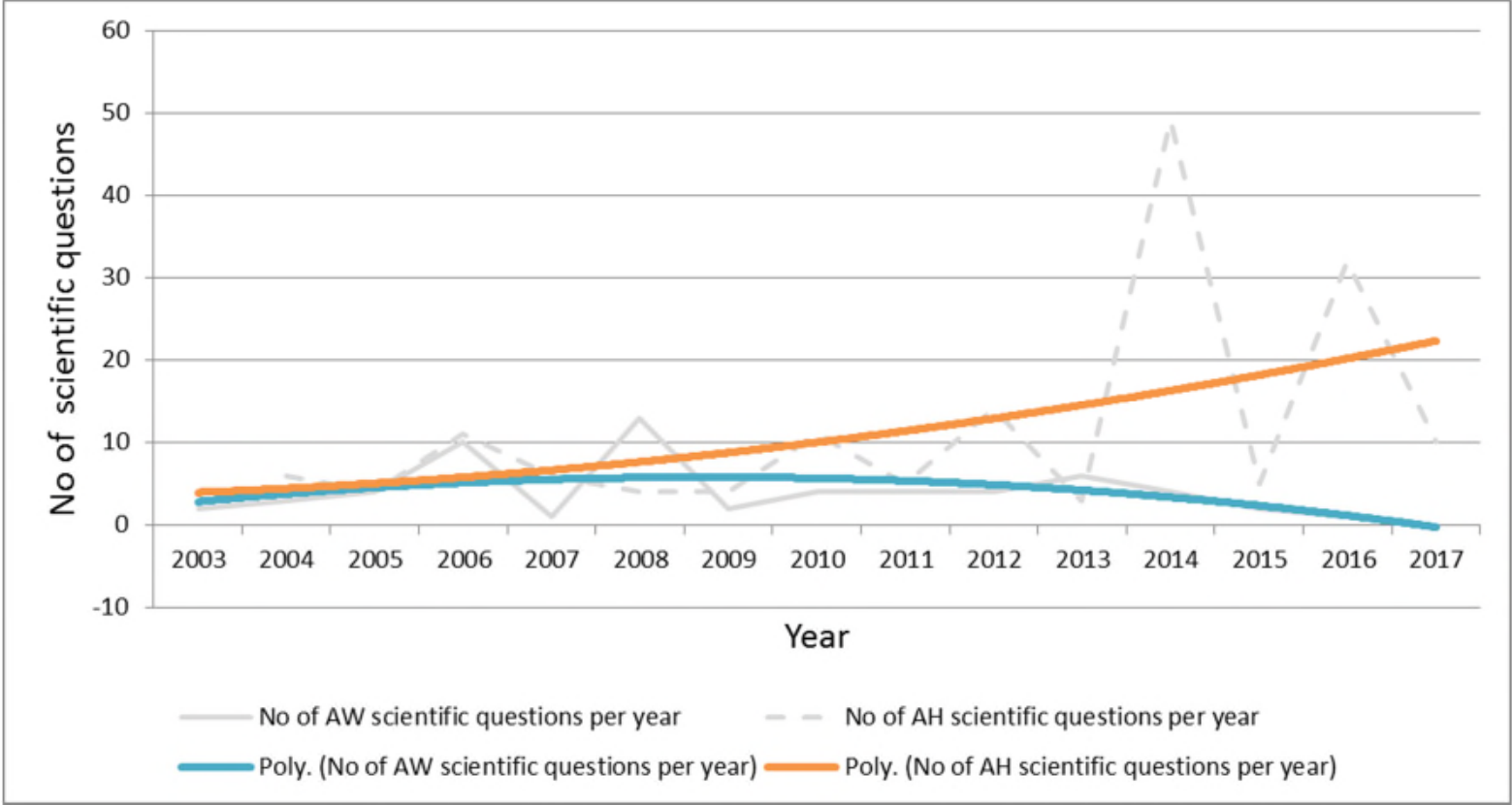
- simple procedure (letter to ED)
- no financial consequences for applicants

Scientific questions on animal welfare to EFSA



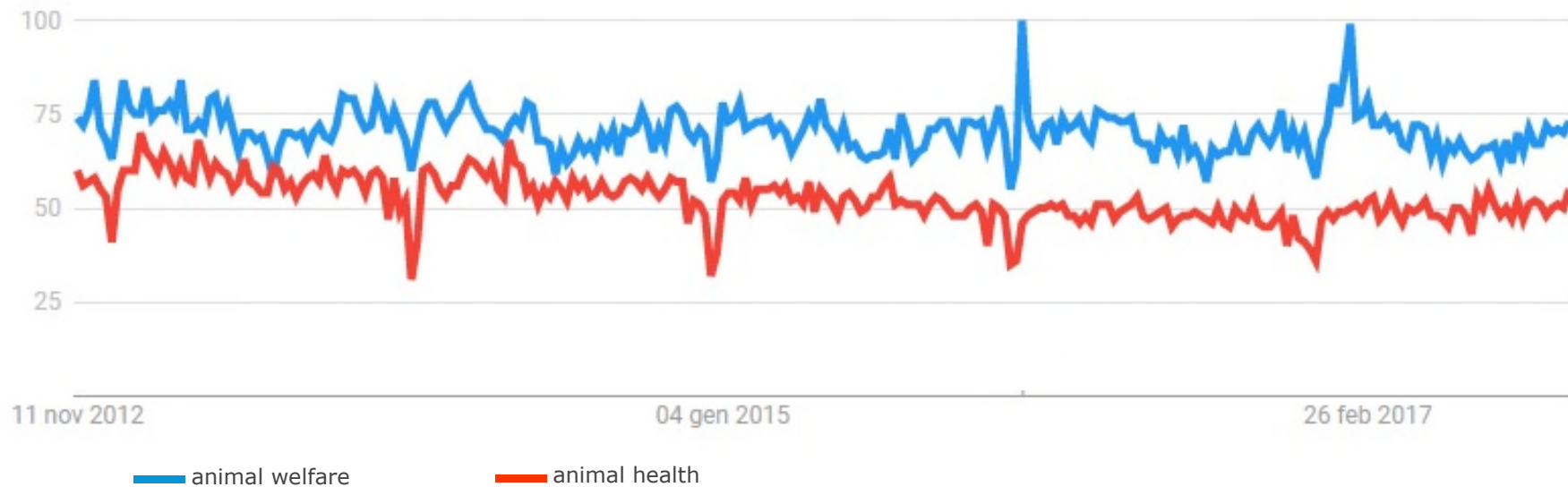
Scientific questions on AW and AH to EFSA

Comparison of the trends of scientific questions from external requestors



Public interest in 'animal welfare' and 'animal health'

Trend in the worldwide public interest in the last 5 years
(from Google Trends)



EFSA's values: to promote scientific cooperation



EFSA Networks: legislative framework and aim

Management board decision (MB 18 03 10–item 7 doc 6) in accordance with artt. 22(7) and 23 (g) of Reg. No 178/2002/EC

EFSA's networks consist of nationally appointed EU MS organisations with expertise in the fields covered by the network.

Networks are chaired by EFSA and supported by relevant EFSA units.

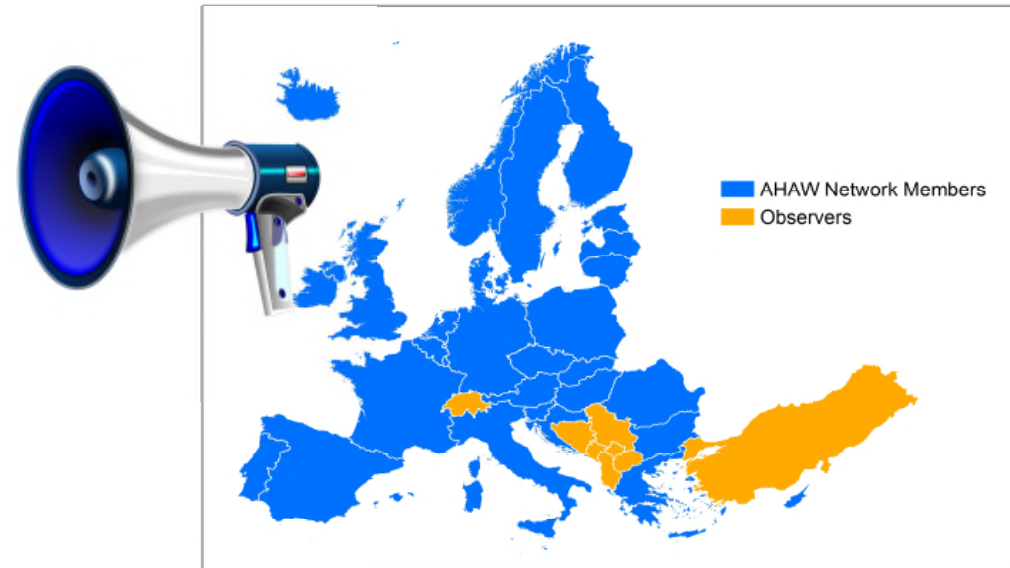
Their aim is to **facilitate scientific cooperation** in the field of EFSA's mission by:

- coordinating activities,
- exchanging information,
- developing and implementing joint projects,
- exchanging expertise and best practices.



The EFSA Animal Health and Welfare Network

- Chaired and supported by the AHAW Team (ALPHA Unit)
- Composition: 30 members and 10 or more observers
- Scientific expertise in the field of Animal Health and in the field of Animal Welfare



The AHAW Network: objectives

- Build a **mutual understanding** of risk assessment principles in the area of AH and AW,
 - Promote and facilitate **harmonisation** of AH and AW risk assessment practices and methodologies
 - Achieve **synergies** in AH and AW risk assessment activities
 - **Reduce the duplication** of activities by identifying and sharing current and upcoming priorities.
 - Enhance **exchange of information and data** by EFSA and MSs
- National Contact Points (NCPs) for scientific support under Art 20, Council Reg. (EC) No 1099/2009
 - *Echinococcus multilocularis*



The AW Network meeting of May 2017: a practical exercise

Identification and prioritisation of AW topics (gaps) across MSs

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- Welfare of fish
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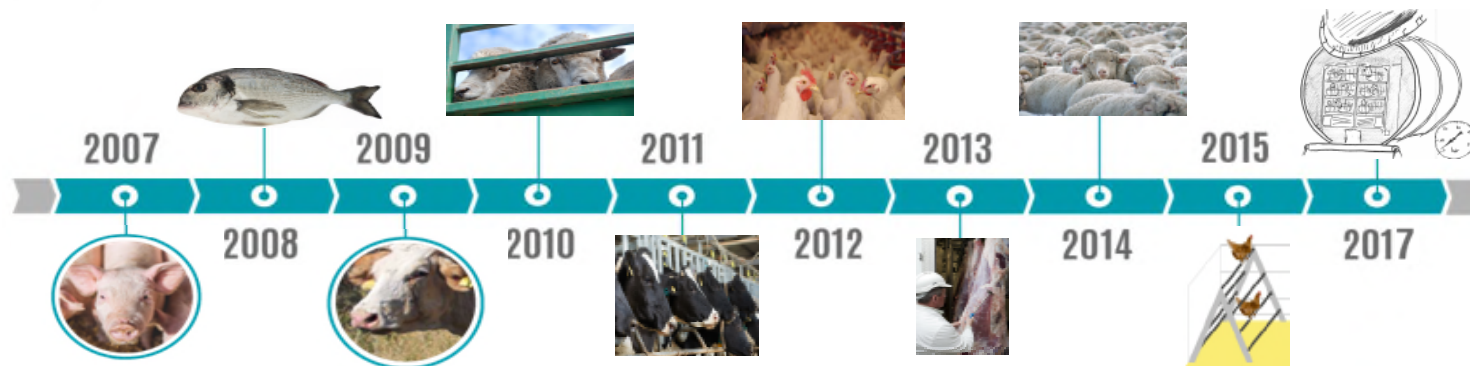
Possible follow up: MSs to initiate international collaborations amongst themselves and/or request scientific support from EFSA

The value of the EFSA scientific production on AW

More than **60 scientific outputs** on AW Risk assessment with impact also **beyond the EU**

Scope of EFSA Scientific Outputs:

- **Setting the AW standards:** e.g. Monitoring procedures at slaughter (2013)
- **Investigation of detailed topics:** e.g. AW aspects of piglets castration (2004); Tail-biting/docking (2007); AW aspects of perches (2015)
- **Mapping and establishment of the AW framework,** e.g. AW at slaughter (2004/2006); AW during transport (2005/2010); Sheep welfare (2014).



In conclusion

**Decreasing
demand of
scientific
requests on AW**

**Value of
cooperation
and networking**

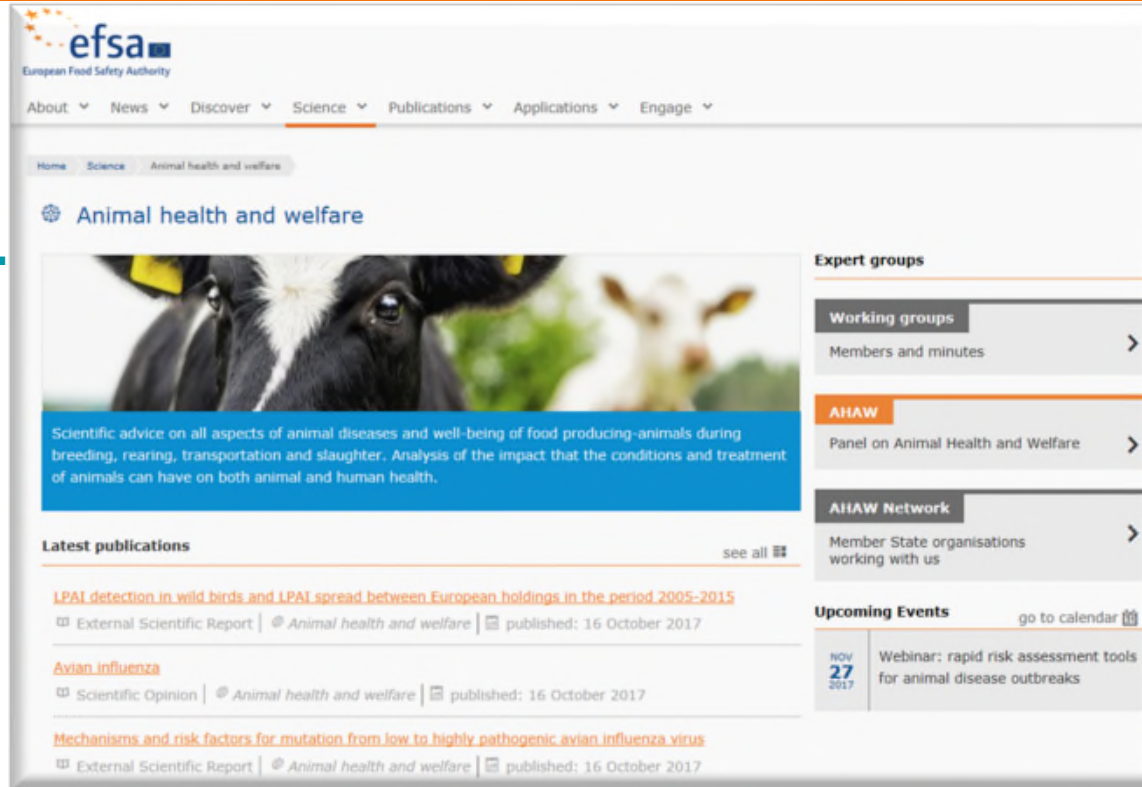


**Scientific gaps
on AW**

**The EU Platform
is an opportunity
for AW**

Thank you for your attention

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The screenshot shows the EFSA website's 'Animal health and welfare' section. At the top, there is a navigation menu with 'Science' selected. Below the menu, the page title 'Animal health and welfare' is displayed. A large image of a cow is featured, with a blue text box below it stating: 'Scientific advice on all aspects of animal diseases and well-being of food producing animals during breeding, rearing, transportation and slaughter. Analysis of the impact that the conditions and treatment of animals can have on both animal and human health.' To the right, there are three sections: 'Expert groups' with a 'Working groups' sub-section containing 'Members and minutes'; 'AHAW' with a 'Panel on Animal Health and Welfare'; and 'AHAW Network' with 'Member State organisations working with us'. Below these is an 'Upcoming Events' section for November 27, 2017, featuring a webinar on rapid risk assessment tools. At the bottom left, a 'Latest publications' section lists three reports published on 16 October 2017: 'LPAL detection in wild birds and LPAL spread between European holdings in the period 2005-2015', 'Avian influenza', and 'Mechanisms and risk factors for mutation from low to highly pathogenic avian influenza virus'.

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